

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement regarding President Obama's selection of Howard Schmidt, President and CEO of the Information Security Forum, as the national Cybersecurity Coordinator:

"Securing the nation's cyber networks against hackers and other threats will be one of America's greatest 21<sup>st</sup> century security challenges. In order to effectively address this issue, we need a leader who will be able to encourage greater coordination between cyber experts in the public and private sectors. With extensive experience in the private sector, law enforcement, and government, I believe Howard Schmidt is particularly well-suited to this task, and to his new role as national Cybersecurity Coordinator.

"As Vice Chair of the House Homeland Security Committee and former Ranking Member of the subcommittee with oversight of Homeland Security's cyber mission, I am pleased that the Obama Administration shares my commitment to securing the nation's digital networks. Mr. Schmidt will be a crucial resource as we begin developing and implementing new cyber security policies. I look forward to working with him and his colleagues in the Administration and Department of Homeland Security to help secure the U.S. against a new generation of cyber threats."

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